

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize significant
4 milestone events in the lives of the citizens of the State of
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, In recognition of her special importance to
7 SHALVA, Ruth Belzer will receive the 2001 Gladys Iser Award
8 for her exceptional devotion to the mission of SHALVA; and

9 WHEREAS, SHALVA is an organization which exists to
10 increase awareness of domestic abuse in the Jewish community
11 and provides services for Jewish families experiencing abuse;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Ruth Belzer was born in Omaha, Nebraska; she
14 earned a bachelor's in political science from Wellesley
15 College and a master's degree in international relations from
16 the University of Chicago; she began volunteering for SHALVA
17 in 1990; and

18 WHEREAS, Knowledgeable about the problems of domestic
19 violence in the general community, Ms. Belzer was painfully
20 aware of the domestic violence problem in the Jewish
21 community; she has worked tirelessly and thoughtfully to help
22 grow and fulfill SHALVA'S mission; and

23 WHEREAS, Ruth Belzer's service to SHALVA include: serving
24 as chair of the Synagogue Outreach Committee, a members of
25 SHALVA'S Speaker's Bureau, a member of the Nominating
26 Committee, a member of the Youth Education Committee, and as
27 Vice President for Administration; after leaving the board,
28 she chaired the Alumnae Board and acted as an advisor; and

29 WHEREAS, Ruth Belzer has brought conviction and passion
30 to SHALVA, her involvement in the Jewish community, women's
31 issues and philanthropic activities - plus her Jewish

1 identity - has helped SHALVA find focus; and

2 WHEREAS, SHALVA will be hosting its Unity Dinner 2001
3 "Generation to Generation" on January 24, 2001 in which Ruth
4 Belzer will be honored with the Gladys Iser Award for her
5 service to SHALVA and victims of domestic abuse; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate Ruth Belzer for being awarded the Gladys Iser
10 Award for service to SHALVA and victims of domestic abuse;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
13 Ruth Belzer as an expression of our esteem.